

The Eaton Interest in the Arts.

The Eaton family have long been interested in the Cultural Arts of Toronto, and in the early twenties was shown in tangible form when our founder Mr Timothy Eaton provided the funds to build a school on North Street, in the name of his wife. Thus the Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression became a force in the city for drama, literature ~~and~~ music and dancing. The building was built to ~~Greek~~ architectural specifications, with a grecian lamp and lettering prominent above the high and graceful pillars. Inside, the same lamp design provided wall lighting, and in later years when the school gave way to the cities progress in widening North street to become Bay, theses lamps were transferred to The Margaret Eaton ~~School~~ Hall which was the little theatre connected with the Eaton Girls' Club. Later when the theatre was leased for broadcasting purposes the grecian lamps were removed to remote storage far below in the da rked storage of the club. Many years flew by until one ^{day} during inventory time ~~when~~ a club staff member made a joyous discovery! There were her beloved school lamps, which had graced her diploma..the last one to have the signature of Margaret Eaton . The lamps tarnished almost beyond recognition were carefully cleaned rubbed and polished to show their former lovely lines and beauty. One of which has a prominent place ~~at~~ the Club and is much admired in the main hall a nd serves as a planter filled with attractive greens. Some Club members call it Alladins Lamp, and have even been seen to pick it up, gently rub it, and it is ~~now~~ said that it still works..as the wishes did come true.

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248 Department.

TORONTO 1,
Feb. 21, 1949.

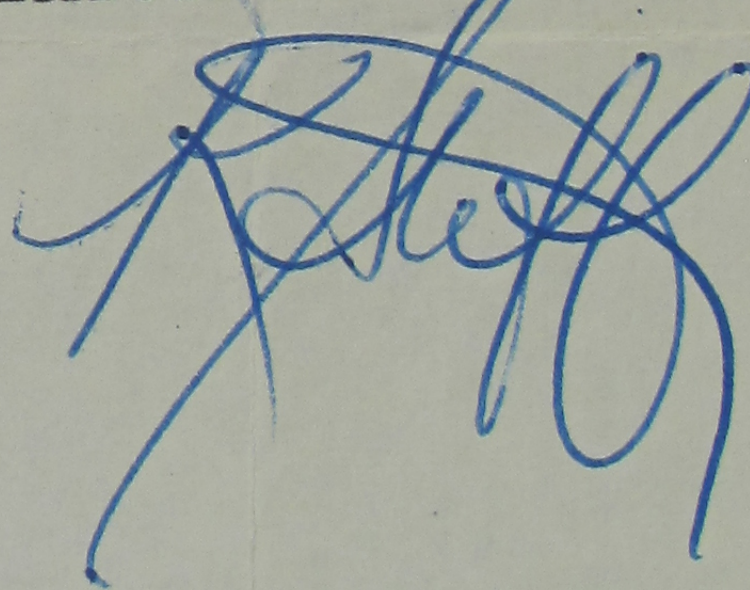
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:--

This is to certify that the
large Rhodesian Leopard in good condition would be
worth approximately Forty Dollars (\$40.00) in the
raw state.

Yours very truly,

The T. EATON CO. Limited.

KS/MW



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VETERINARY DEPARTMENT
FORT VICTORIA.

13/1/49.
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VETERINARY CERTIFICATE.

CERTIFIED that the Leopard Skin

being taken by car / sent by post, by Mr. T. E. Grundy.

from Brit Bridge S.H. to Canada.

..... originates from an area free from
Foot and Mouth Disease, and is being exported under Veterinary
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DISTRICT VETERINARY SURGEON.

THE T. EATON CO. LIMITED

HEAD OFFICE

VIA AIR MAIL

TORONTO 1,

December 30th,
1963.

Dear Bess:

Many thanks for your letter relating your adventures. ~~Want~~ a baptism by fire, and all my admiration goes out to you. No one else who has travelled with Lady Eaton, and I include myself, of course, could have handled the situations as well as you and kept your sense of humour.

I am quite sure Lady Eaton is fine after a rest, but how about you. Yours will be a lively life as long as the family is around, I am afraid.

Sils sounds like a beautiful spot, even if the drinks are different and the coffee is like cocoa.

I have no news here as I am just back in the office from being away since Christmas Eve. We have lots of snow, and it is 2 above today. I had a nice Christmas Day, and stayed on with my friend in the country and did nothing.

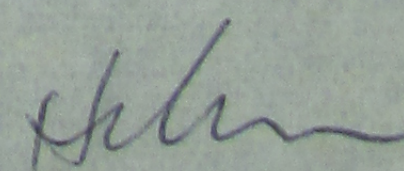
As for the next chapter in the Romance Magazine, Friday, the 27th, was to be the wedding day, ~~and I have no reason to believe it did not take place.~~ Mr. Walker had a phone call before Christmas from the bride's mother and he said he felt the parents were reconciled. When I hear more will let you know.

My friend and I were in Oakville for noon dinner on Christmas Day and who should be the other guests but Phyllis Stagg and Lorna Rumble. They were asking about you. Unfortunately, I did not know about your adventures after New York.

Take care of yourself, and I must say Lady Eaton is a lucky so-and-so to have you with her.

Happy New Year to you and Grete. Will drop a line to Lady Eaton wishing her the same, but it may be tomorrow.

Yours,



THE T. EATON CO. LIMITED

HEAD OFFICE

VIA AIR MAIL

TORONTO 1,
January 6th,
1964.

Dear Bess:

A quick note to get the Air Travel card off to you. It has just arrived.

First, I must explain that it is "Mrs. F.M. Eaton" for a purpose. Due to the fact that the original Air Travel Card was stolen they do not wish to have two cards with the name "Lady Eaton" in existence. It can be changed back to "Lady Eaton" later. Lady Eaton always signs "F.M.Eaton" anyway.

I am also enclosing Lady Eaton's Travel Card for 1964 from Eaton's. This will require her signature.

Christmas Day sounded very gay. Mrs. Art McCrea telephoned me after receiving letters from Jane, and she seemed thrilled with everything.

I hope the information I cabled answered the questions. I cabled because I only received the letter the afternoon of December 31st, and was afraid that Mrs. Vigano would have come and gone before an answer by mail would reach you. ~~Having not heard further about the photos had them with him all right.~~

I have forwarded an envelope of mail to Lady Eaton, not too much. Mr. Walker has just brought in a turkey bag full of mail, so I am sure there will be some to be forwarded to the Frankfurt Office, including some for you.

I hope the journey back to Zurich was less rigorous than that on the way to Sils. Everything here is quiet to my knowledge. Eaton's has calmed down. We are having a mild spell after large quantities of snow. We had a bad storm New Year's Day which cramped most people's style.

My next letter will be ^{to} Frankfurt. I hope Lady Eaton continued to be well enough to enjoy the life at Sils. A Happy New Year to you both.

Yours

Helen

AIR MAIL
THE T. EATON CO^o LIMITED

VIA AIR MAIL

HEAD OFFICE

Eaton's Florence :
The T. Eaton Co. S.P.A.,
Lungarno Vespucci 2, Florence

TORONTO 1,
January 9th,
1964.

Dear Bess:

Your letter to Mr. Hitchlock has arrived on my desk via the Estates Office to be answered. The typical Eaton routine.

The consensus of opinion that you should use your Letter of Credit, particularly in Germany where you will be situated for several weeks. Save your Travellers Cheques, if you have any left, for times when you are on the move. If there is an emergency we can cable you money. In the meantime, use your Letter of Credit as though it was Travellers Cheques.

I hope you were sending your bills at the Baur au Lac to the Paris Office also, otherwise you would be very short of T.C.'s.

Mr. Von Struve has been written asking if the Hospital bills in Frankfurt can be paid by the Frankfurt Office, or even sent direct to us for payment, so that there would not be any great inroads on your travelling money. I think the Frankfurt Office, like the other Buying Offices, will pay the Hotel bills.

For your information, a Buying Office has been opened in Florence with Mr. Richard Hunter, who was ~~with~~ with the Paris Office, in charge. No, doubt, Lady Eaton will want to go to Florence while on the continent so you will now have an Eaton contact there.

Also, I'll mention again that you are to be sure to let us know if you think your Letter of Credit will not be sufficient. When you are in London, where I am sure you will be, (this will also apply to Paris) your hotel bills are taken care of by the Office, and they would certazinly advance you money if you were caught short. Remember, you have the Buying Offices behind you, and they consider they are responsible for Lady Eaton whenever she is in their part of the world.

Will write again soon, and will restrict this letter to monetary matters. Yours, *Allen*



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